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Subject: Fw: Bill Action for Wednesday (4/18/07) - PBSDBills

House and Senate budget conferees have now been named for budget and the first meeting, originally listed for Tuesday, is expected late tomorrow afternoon. The list appears under SB2800, below.

The House completed voting on its property tax package which is the use of sales tax to reduce ad valorem taxes as passed two weeks ago by House Policy Council.

Several districts from Jacksonville south attempted to get an amendment to revise the class size capital outlay formula to more fairly reflect districts with level or declining enrollments. Efforts through Sen. Steve Geller (Broward) were not enough in the Senate Education Facilities Appropriations Committee, but member and Senate budget chair Lisa Carlton did allow that some "tweaks" may be looked at in conference. At present, 65% of any CSR construction funds are based on growth and 25% on student enrollment. We tried to reverse those numbers. We will keep trying while still supporting a high growth formula with separate funding for those districts still growing such as Lee, Osceola and a few others.

We have also been trying to get support on placing \$147 million more into the Base Student Allocation by taking an equal amount of recurring revenue in the Merit Award Program (MAP) and replacing those MAP dollars with non-recurring funds for FY08...use of non-recurring dollars has been done in previous budget-tight years. People at least are talking about it.

"Trade-off"s are beginning, as they normally do this time of session. Of note, the House wants its world class standards bill (HB7151) while the Senate wants Sen. Gaetz' career academy legislation (SB1232).

Actions taken today are listed below. We will send an updated tracking chart of "moving" bills over the weekend.

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Bill Action Report for 4/18/07

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HB 0031 Relating to Bicycle Safety (Jordan)
HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/19/07

SB 0106 Relating to Child Care Personnel/Fingerprinting (Hill)
SENATE Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 0154 Relating to Parent-child Privilege (Geller)
SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 1 Nays)

SB 0388 Relating to Commissioner of Education/Cabinet (Wilson)
HOUSE In Messages

SB 0412 Relating to Education/Children of POWs or MIAs (Baker)